

# **The Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks**

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CONTAINING THE

**Ritualistic Opening and Closing  
Ceremonies.**

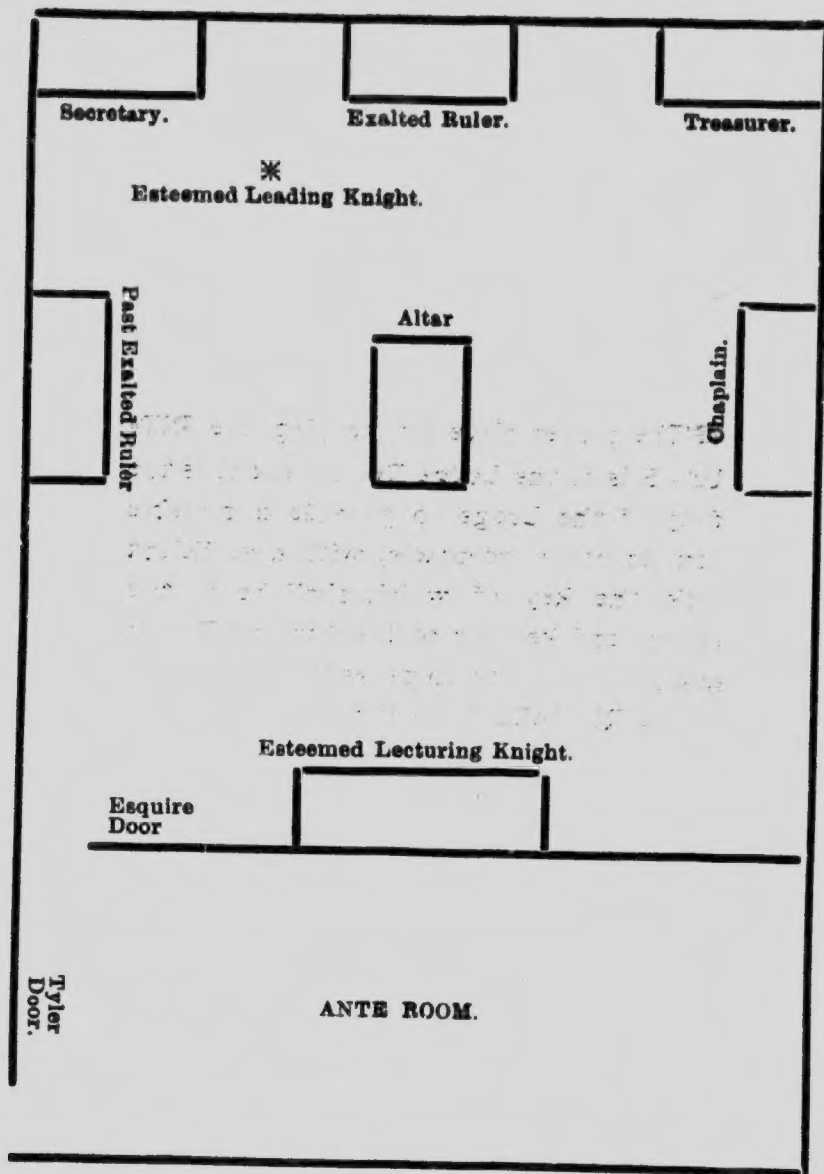
**Degree of Elkdom, Installation and  
Election, Etc.**

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**§ The proper place for keeping the RITUALS is in the Lodge Room ; and it is the duty of the Lodge to provide a suitable box, or other receptacle, with a sufficient lock, the key of which shall be in the charge and keeping of the Exalted Ruler ; and it is his duty to prevent the removal of the RITUALS from the Lodge Hall.**

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## OPENING CEREMONY.

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EXALTED RULER—I am about to open a Lodge of the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and I ask your co-operation. Esteemed Lecturing Knight, are the officers at their stations?

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT—They are.

EXALTED RULER—Esteemed Leading Knight, you will take up the password and ascertain if all present are Elks.

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT (after taking up password)—They are.

EXALTED RULER—Esteemed Leading Knight, what is the first duty of assembled Elks?

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—To guard the Lodge.

EXALTED RULER—Esteemed Leading Knight, instruct the Tyler that a Lodge of the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks is in session, and that only those qualified can enter here.

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT (after instructing Tyler)—The Lodge is guarded.

[Commander gives three raps to call up the Lodge.]

[Exalted Ruler gives three raps to call up the Lodge.]

EXALTED RULER—Officers and members, you will rise and give me the Countersign; its answer (which is the same). The Recognition Sign; its answer. The Sign of Distress; its answer. The Distress Word; its answer. Sign of Warning; its answer. The Voting Sign—Yes; No (the same). The Sign of Elkdom; its answer. Face each other and give the hand grasp.

EXALTED RULER—I will thank you for your attention and assistance in conducting the business of this Lodge. Our Chaplain will invoke divine aid.

CHAPLAIN—(*ex tempore* or otherwise)—

Almighty Chief, we ask Thy aid,  
To do the work that's on us laid,  
To earn the wage ere we are paid  
For duty done.

We ask Thy help the sad to cheer,  
Protect the helpless—loved so dear—  
From poverty and want and fear,  
By duty done.

To faithful work our hearts incline,  
Our several powers and will combine  
In one fraternal battle line  
Till victory's won.

EXALTED RULER—I now declare———Lodge, No. —, of the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, open. I will thank you for your assistance in the preservation of order and decorum during the present convocation.

[Exalted Ruler gives one rap of gavel.]

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Be seated.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Roll-call of Officers.
2. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
3. Communications from the Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Lodges.
4. Collection of dues.
5. Introduction of visiting members.
6. Applications for membership.
7. Report of Investigating Committee.
8. Balloting for members.
9. Conferring Degree.
10. Reports on Illness and Misfortune.
11. Bills.
12. Report of Committees, Trustees and Officers.
13. Report of Special Committees.
14. Unfinished Business.
15. New Business.
16. Good of the Order.
17. Statement of Finance (Treasurer and Recorder).  
[Nos. 18, 19 and 20 apply to first meeting in 2nd month of each quarter.]
18. Roll-call of additions to membership since last quarter.
19. Roll-call of suspensions since last quarter.
20. Roll-call of delinquents, and amounts due, since last quarter.
21. Closing the Lodge.



## TITLE OF OFFICERS

—OF—

A SUBORDINATE LODGE OF THE CANADIAN BEN-  
EVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS.

AND ORDER OF SENIORITY.

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1. EXALTED RULER.
2. ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT.
3. CHAPLAIN.
4. PAS. EXALTED RULER.
5. SECRETARY.
6. TREASURER.
7. ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT.
8. ESTEEMED WATCHMAN.
9. ESTEEMED GUIDE.
10. ESTEEMED AIDE.
11. ESQUIRE.
12. TYLER.
13. MUSICIAN.
14. TRUSTEES.

## CLOSING CEREMONIES.

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EXALTED RULER—(one rap)—Brethren, there being no further business before the Lodge, we will proceed to close. Let us return thanks for the good accomplished.

[Three raps to call up the Lodge.]

CHAPLAIN—

[TUNE, TROYTE No. 1.]

Our thanks receive, Almighty Chief,  
For present good and grand relief  
To all in sorrow and in grief,  
Till next we meet.

And, as life's battle must be fought,  
And face to duty all are brought,  
Give strength to fight it as we ought,  
Till next we meet.

Life's battle fought, the victory won,  
Our earthly work forever done,  
To Heaven's reel transfer each one—  
May all there meet.

EXALTED RULER—Esteemed Leading Knight, take up the Rituals and deliver them at this station.

[E. L. Knight collects and delivers Rituals. The Lodge cannot be closed until the Rituals are in possession of Exalted Ruler or accounted for.]

EXALTED RULER—Attention.

PAST EXALTED RULER—We thank you for your

presence to-night, and cordially invite your attendance at our future meetings.

[All face the Exalted Ruler and give the sign of Elldom.]

EXALTED RULER—By virtue of power vested in me, I now declare ——— Lodge, No. ———, duly closed. (One rap).

## General and Special Instructions.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The Tyler should inquire the cause of all alarms at the outer door, and if a member be in waiting, who can give the password, he shall be admitted to the ante-room.

The pass-word of the current term is changed annually or otherwise, as the Supreme Lodge may direct.

No member is authorized to give the password unless authorized by the Exalted Ruler.

No officer or member can enter or retire from the Lodge-room when Lodge is open, without addressing the Exalted Ruler, from the altar, with the sign of Elkdom. This does not apply to officers or aides carrying out Exalted Ruler's instructions or in working the Degree.

In addressing the Chair to make a motion, etc., the sign of Elkdom should be given.

### RITUALS.

The Rituals of the Order must be well guarded and always kept in a box for that purpose, under lock and key, and an officer cannot take a Ritual from the Lodge for study unless he tenders a written order to the Exalted Ruler, signed by himself, agreeing to be present and return same at next regular meeting.

### REGALIA.

Officers may wear medals with their rank stamped thereon. The officers, by appearing in full dress (or Tuxedo) suits, always add to the dignity of a Lodge, and the wearing of the same should be encouraged as much as possible.

An altar should be placed in the center of the Lodge-room, with the emblem of the Order, name and number of the Lodge, and the words Benevolence, Friendship and Concord written thereon.

### VISITING BY IDENTIFICATION CARD.

Members of the Order from any Province or Territory under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge shall be entitled to admission into Lodges of any other Province or Territory, and to the courtesies of the Order, upon proving themselves according to the established work of the Order and presenting a proper identification card.

A member in visiting any Subordinate Lodge, other than his own, in the jurisdiction of the Supreme or Grand Lodge, shall deliver his identification card to the Tyler, who shall admit him into the ante-room and hand the identification card to the Esquire, who presents it to the Exalted Ruler, by whom it is laid before the Lodge. If found correct, the Exalted Ruler shall appoint a committee of three members to examine the visiting member. One in possession of the password must be one of the committee, who shall retire to the ante-room and secretly examine the member as to the current password, etc., causing him to write his name, which shall be compared with the signature on his card. If they are satisfied he shall then be admitted.

#### INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO

### DRAMATIC INITIATION OR PART 2.

Dramatic features, as many as the Lodge may desire to work, may be used in Part 2.

Provided that all new features to be introduced must be sent to the Supreme Secretary to be approved, and until so approved shall not be operated or used in a Lodge room.

If there are a number of Candidates to be initiated, a simple way to decide upon the Candidates to be put through can be arranged from the following methods of selection of Initiates.

SUGGESTION NO. 1.—*Pie Hunt and Race.*

When there are a number of Candidates to be put through, say three or more, the Candidates should be blindfolded, their hands tied behind their backs, a bib about their necks, and each placed on his knees, in a straight line across the Hall. In the center of the Hall place a chair for Candidates in a straight line across the room directly in front of (and 12 to 15 feet from) the Candidates, and on the seat of each chair a small blackberry pie, made with plenty of juice in it. When all is arranged, remove blindfold, and explain to Candidates that they must go on their knees, and eat the pie without touching it with their hands (which should remain tied).

The Candidates, excepting the two Candidates who are the slowest eaters (or who fail to eat, as the case may be), will be excused from taking the Degree.

Always have several towels and a pail or two of clean water, to wash the faces of the contestants after the Pie Hunt and Race.

SUGGESTION NO. 2.—*Potato Race.*

(Walnuts or onions may be substituted for potatoes). Have for each candidate a small paper box, with a hole cut in the lid or cover, the hole to be a little larger than the nuts used. Place the boxes in a straight line across the Hall in front of the Exalted Ruler's station about two or three feet apart, put a Candidate behind every box; take 8 or 10 nuts (as desired) for every Candidate, placing them in a straight line about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet apart. When all is arranged, explain to Candidates that they must at the word "Go," start for the farthest nut, get it, return and deposit it in their box, then go for the next farthest, return and deposit it, and so on till all are gathered up, and all but the two slowest will be excused from taking the initiation.

Candidates should have removed their own clothes, and be dressed in some grotesque manner, such as Turkish pantaloons (or loose, baggy bloomers), a loose short shirt hanging outside of pantaloons, and a paper or felt fool's cap on his head.



## DEGREE OF ELKDOM.

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### PART I.

EXALTED RULER—Esteemed Leading Knight, you will retire and report the names (if any) in waiting to be initiated as members of the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

[E. L. Knight salutes and retires; returns again, saying—]

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—Exalted Ruler, I find ——— ready to become a member.

EXALTED RULER—Secretary, has ——— been proposed and elected according to the rules of the Order?

SECRETARY—He has.

EXALTED RULER—Has the required fee been received?

SECRETARY—It has.

EXALTED RULER—Esteemed Leading Knight, you will go to the ante-room, prepare the candidate, if he be able to undergo our trials and temptations.

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—I will obey your commands—[retires to the ante-room.]

#### IN THE ANTE-ROOM.

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—(to Candidate—Mr. ——— I am directed to request you to make an answer to the following questions.

1st. Do you (and each of you) believe in the existence of a Supreme Being?

2nd. Do you agree to keep inviolate any secrets of the Order which may be communicated to you, and to obey the Laws and usages of the Order.

3. Do you agree in the event, at any time, of your ceasing to be a member of the Order from any cause,



that all your right, title, interest or claim to any property, funds or privileges of the Lodge or Order shall thereby cease and become absolutely null and void?

4th. Are you perfectly willing to submit yourself to serve and searching tests in order that you may be able to demonstrate your sincerity and good intention and will you absolve the officers and members from all blame or censure, should they in any manner displease or offend you in their efforts this night to impress upon your heart the sentiments and teachings of this Order?

[Candidate must answer each question in the affirmative, or he cannot proceed further.]

[E. L. Knight prepares candidate by blindfolding him. The Esquire gives raps on lodge door, answered by Esquire giving raps. The E. L. Knight then answers by raps when Esquire opens door.]

ESQUIRE—Who comes here. What are your wants?

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—A candidate anxious to enjoy the privileges of the Order for whom we vouch.

ESQUIRE—(reporting to Esteemed Lecturing Knight keeping wicket open)—A candidate anxious to enjoy the privileges of the Order, vouched for by members of the Order, stands waiting to enter.

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT—Let him enter with his vouchers, but warn him to take heed upon what he enters.

## PART II.

(Subject to instructions on Page 12.)

After completing the features of Part 2, candidate should be taken to ante-room, blindfold removed, and properly dress himself, the torches lighted, and all return to Lodge-room and stop before the Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

### PART III.

All lights in Lodge-room should be put out, Esteemed Leading Knight and Guide carry lighted torches of alcohol and salt.

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—Esteemed Lecturing Knight, this candidate, anxious to receive the privileges of the Order, begs to be allowed to know its objects and to learn its mysteries.

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT—Has he the necessary qualifications? Is he straight of limb and sound of body, and able to undergo our trials and temptations?

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—He has the necessary qualifications.

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT—Candidate, do you declare upon your honor that you will conform to our laws, rules and usages.

CANDIDATE—I do.

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT—Then listen and profit, my friend. The principal object of our Order is the cultivation and exhibition of a sentiment of mutual help and assistance; but the Order aims to bestow its Benevolences only upon worthy members. The benefit of our Order is made manifest by its spirit of Benevolence, Friendship and Concord, by which it is able to give moral and material aid to its members; to provide for the intelligent enjoyment of the same; to give attention and assistance to the sick, indigent and aged; to assist those out of employment to obtain positions; to encourage one another in business; and to ad-

vance the common interest of humanity by mutual charity and assistance.

The ends in view are to be prompted and attained only by the most disinterested motives.

Benevolence, Friendship and Concord are our watch words and mottoes. These three tend to develop only such qualities as are most to be desired in this advanced state of civilization.

By "Benevolence," we mean the warm sympathy and generous philanthropy which prompts us to acts of kindness.

By "Friendship," we mean the principle which melts the heart in the presence of distress. Friendship improves happiness and abates misery by the doubling of our joy and the dividing of our grief.

By "Concord," we mean the precept of ever being mindful of the rights and considerate of the feelings of others. Slow to anger and ready and willing to forgive.

Carry these motives with you through life, and you will possess the priceless charm that assuages the sorrows, and mitigates the calamities of envious fortune, and which, in your declining days, will sooth the pillow of pain and strew with flowers the pathway to the tomb. The mysteries can only be learned from our Exalted Ruler, and I now release you to your guides, who will conduct you on your journey through the Order. Esteemed Leading Knight, present this Candidate to the Chaplain, that he may there take his obligation before the altar of Benevolence, Friendship and Concord.

(Candidate is marched around the room, stopping before Chaplain.)

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—Chaplain, this Candidate has heard the benefits and privileges of the Order from our Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and comes to you that he may make his vow.

CHAPLAIN—My friend, are you willing to conform to our laws, rules and usages, and to make your vows and take your obligations?

(Exalted Ruler calls up the Lodge by 3 raps.)

CANDIDATE—I am.

CHAPLAIN—Place your right hand over your heart, and left on the Bible. Repeat your name in full and say after me: I, ———, do solemnly and voluntarily promise, in the presence of God and the members of the Order here assembled: 1st, That I will be faithful and true to the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which I am about to become a member. 2nd, That I will maintain and uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Lodge of the Order. 3rd, I further promise that I will obey all orders of this Lodge and of its regularly constituted officers, and all orders of the Grand Lodge and of the Supreme Lodge. 4th, That I will be true to all members of the Order, and will not defraud a member or Lodge of anything, or allow it to be done by others if in my power to prevent it. 5th, That I will forever keep and conceal all the secrets, signs, passwords, grips and other private work of the Order, and that I will not under and circumstances, make them known to any one, or suffer others to do so if in my power to prevent it except it be to a member of the Order, who I know is entitled to them, or in the body of a Lodge at work. 6th, That I will endeavor to advance the interests of the Order, to attend its meetings when possible; to assist my brother

members whenever in my power so to do; or any member of their families, especially their wives, sisters and daughters, whose honor I will respect and defend. 7th, And that should I, from any cause, cease to be a member of the Order, my obligation of secrecy shall remain binding and in full force, and that all my right, title and interest in and to any property or funds of the Lodge shall thereby terminate and become absolutely null and void.

To all the above I pledge my sacred honor, without any reservation and may God keep me steadfast in the same.

Friend, you have taken your obligation, remember its import. Does he who forgets his solemn obligation to his fellowmen, and this Order, deserve anything less at the hands of all good men than that may all the curses of life follow him; may he be driven from his home, and deserted by his friends, and made to roam the pathless forests. May the swords and stings of fiery cherubim haunt him by day and by night, snakes spring up in his path. May earth's fruits be ashes in his mouth, the leaves upon which he lays his head be strewn with scorpions; may his dreams be of his victims, his waking a continual dread of death; may the clear rivers turn to blood as he stoops to stain them with his raging lips. Forget it not.

Your Guides will accompany you on your journey through the Order and take you to our Exalted Ruler, from whom you will learn the mysteries of the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of E.l.k.s. Esteemed Leading Knight, present this Candidate to the Past Exalted Ruler for further instructions.

[Exalted Ruler starts the Lodge by 1 tap]

[Esteemed Leading Knight now march Candidate to Past Exalted Ruler's chair.]

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—Past Exalted Ruler, this Candidate has heard the benefits and privileges of the Order, and has made his obligations to our Chaplain, who has sent him to you for further instructions.

EXALTED RULER—Welcome, my friend; the true-hearted are always gladly received. I am glad to see you thus advancing in our progressive Order; the advancement is inevitable. You have bound yourself to us by a tie which all men should reverence and respect, any violation of which will carry with it its own punishment. Let me doubly impress upon you, my friend, to always remember your obligation, and you will therefore make no mention before the outside world of anything that may transpire in the Lodge room. Criticise not adversely an officer or member, lest by so doing some uninitiated listener may misconstrue the intent of your remarks and thereby form an unfavorable impression of the Lodge and Order; better still enter not into any discussion regarding a member in public, because did not Solomon say "A wise head keepeth a stut

tongue." It becomes you, therefore, from the present hour to honor our principles by an unblemished course of life, honorable dealing and conscientious uprightness, whereby you will not only reflect credit upon your own character as a man among men, but add to the dignity and stability of our Order, with whose prosperity and success your own interests are now identified. In passing through the Order it is well to remember its customs. The gavel is the tongue of the Lodge, and its voice must be obeyed. One tap (o) calls the Lodge to order, or seats when standing; two taps (oo) calls up the officers, and three taps (ooo) calls up the entire Lodge. Your guides will now take you to our Exalted Ruler.

[Candidate is now taken to Exalted Ruler's station, the Lodge room lights turned up and torches discarded.]

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT—Exalted Ruler, I take pleasure in presenting a friend who has heard the benefits and privileges from our Esteemed Lecturing Knight, has made his obligation to our Chaplain, has been instructed by the Past Exalted Ruler, and has been sent to you to learn our mysteries.

EXALTED RULER—I welcome and congratulate you.

You are now admitted as one of our Fraternity and entitled to the privileges of our Order. From you we expect a ready compliance with our customs and an honest obedience to our laws. We are united together, not only for the wise purpose of assisting those who require our aid, but for the moderate enjoyment of social intercourse and for the temperate interchange of social feeling. We look, therefore, to have exemplified in you a strict regard for all the obligations of life; that you will be charitable in judgment, forbearing in temper and lenient in condemnation, knowing that in return these qualities will draw forth our esteem and awaken our regard. We encourage no excess in our meetings and enforce no creed in religion or code in politics; we permit neither wrangling nor dissension to mar our harmony or interrupt our proceedings. In your outward acts and dealings we expect you to be sober, upright and conscientious, willing to help and ready to relieve, obedient to the laws of the country and respected by the circle in which you move. In your domestic relations we look to find you affectionate and truthful, ever regardful of the moral and well being of your family; and as a friend, steadfast and true. These



qualities will ever command the admiration of mankind, and in you, as a member of our Fraternity, they will serve to ennoble our Order, consolidate its power and extend its benign influence. We welcome you among us, then, upon these principles, and we trust that in your future course through life you will be impressed with a sense of the expectations we have formed of you, and of those duties and obligations, to fulfil which should be the highest aim of every member of the Order.

I shall now proceed to make you acquainted with the signs, grips, passwords and tokens of the Order.

In order to gain admission to a Lodge of the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, you will approach the ante-room door, attract the attention of the Tyler, who will raise the wicket and say, "Who comes here?" You will reply, "A Canadian Elk." The Tyler will respond, "Approach and give the password," which you will do. (See cypher, No. 1) You will then be admitted to the ante-room.

After which you will approach the Lodge-room door. (See cypher, No. 2), answered by the Esquire, (see cypher, No. 3), upon which the Esquire will raise the wicket and ask, "Who comes here?" You will give him your name, and the name and number of your Lodge. The wicket will then be closed and the Esquire reports to Esteemed Lecturing Knight, who will order him to receive the pass word and admit you. The Esquire will then raise the wicket (see cypher, No. 4.)

The door is then opened and you proceed to the altar, or center of the Lodge-room, saluting the Exalted Ruler with the countersign, which I will now explain. (See cypher No. 5.)

The Exalted Ruler will then answer by a salute after which you will face-about and salute the Esteemed Lecturing Knight with the sign of Elkdom. (See cypher No. 6.) He will answer by the same sign. You may then take your seat. This sign is given by all members when leaving or entering the Lodge-room and when the Lodge is opened for Degree work.

The Recognition Sign --	Its Answer --	(See Cypher No. 7.)
Sign of Warning --	Its Answer --	(See Cypher No. 8.)
Sign of Distress	Its Answer --	(See Cypher No. 9.)
Word of Distress --	Its Answer --	(See Cypher No. 10.)
Voting Sign -Yes No -the same . . .		(See Cypher No. 11.)
The Grip . . . . .		(See Cypher No. 12.)

The honors given to superior officers are given in the following manner :

To visiting Exalted Rulers and Past Exalted Rulers the Lodge is called up, when each member salutes thus : attitude of obligation, viz., right hand closed over heart, left hand extended. To all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, the Lodge will be called up and each member will give the Recognition Sign (see cypher No. 7). To all Supreme, or Past Supreme Officers the Lodge will be called up and each member give the Countersign. (See cypher No. 5.)

EXALTED RULER—(to candidate)—Kneel on your right knee. (Candidate kneels. Laying sword gently on the right shoulder of the Candidate.) I pronounce you a Canadian Elk. Arise, till I greet you with the hand grasp of the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Esteemed Leading Knight, be pleased to conduct the brother to the ante-room that he may enter the Lodge-room as instructed.

[Candidate and Leading Knight retire to ante-room, and then assists the Candidate to work his way into the Lodge-room. As they enter, Exalted Ruler call up the Lodge with 3 taps.]

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT (after Candidate has given and received the necessary signs, takes Candidate to the Exalted Ruler)—Exalted Ruler, I have the pleasure of introducing to you, and through you to this Lodge, our newly initiated member.

EXALTED RULER—You are now at the end of your journey. (Dips hand in bowl of perfume and showers it gently over Candidate.) By the token of this fragrant perfume, I welcome you into this Lodge and this Order. May the happiness and welfare of you and yours be augmented by this act. May your life prove worthy of the confidence we bestow upon you, and, like sweet incense and the odors of this perfume, may your influence be pleasant to all about you, and honorable to the Fraternity to which you now belong.

Brothers, I will ask you to join me in extending a cordial greeting to our newly-made member, for which purpose I declare a recess.

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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

[On the night of Election, when the section for "The Good of the Order" has been opened, the Exalted Ruler is to rise and say:]

Brothers: The time has now arrived when it becomes our duty, as the Officers of the Lodge, to restore into your hands the trust reposed in us upon our appointment. It is our earnest hope that such services as we have rendered during our term of office may prove useful to the Lodge, and that no act of ours may have brought discredit upon the Order or its representatives. It remains for us to thank you for the kind co-operation and for the uniform courtesy which has been extended to all of us during our term of office. As Exalted Ruler of this Lodge I now invite you to the election of our successors with minds uninfluenced by private prejudices or the bias of party. Let an impartial judgment alone direct you in making a wise and judicious selection of your officers, remembering that the peace and prosperity of the Lodge are, in no small degree, dependent upon the character of those whom you invest with authority. I now call upon you conscientiously to exercise your privileges, and nominations for the respective offices will now be in order.

EXALTED RULER—I now declare the Lodge duly open for the election, commencing with the office of Exalted Ruler.

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(After the election of Exalted Ruler, the remaining officers must be elected in the order of their rank, but no candidate will be allowed to vote for his own election. Votes for officers to be taken by ballot. Two tellers and one inspector, not candidates, must be appointed to receive, count the votes, and give the Exalted Ruler the result to be announced. The installation ceremony shall be conducted by the retiring Exalted Ruler, or a Past Exalted Ruler of his choice.)

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### INSTALLATION.

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When the proper time has arrived for installation of officers, the officer who is to perform the ceremony (who may be any member who has attained the rank of P. Exalted Ruler, or a higher rank) will present himself, together with some member who is to assist him for the occasion, at the entrance of the lodge, and proceed as follows: (Installing officer should wear sword and belt.)

INSTALLING OFFICER—Tyler, I am here for the purpose of installing your officers. Announce me to your Lodge.

TYLER—Exalted Ruler, the Installing Officer is present. I await your orders.

EXALTED RULER—Tyler, admit him. Attention. (Call up Lodge by three taps.)

The Installing Officer here gives the password to the Tyler and Esquire; enters the Lodge; advances to the center of the room; salutes; is recognized, and proceeds:]

INSTALLING OFFICER—Exalted Ruler, I am here for the purpose of installing the Officers of this Lodge. Has an election been duly held; have the proper bonds been given and approved, and is there any reason why the installation should not now proceed?

EXALTED RULER—Brothers, you hear the inquiry. Is there any objection to proceeding with our installation?

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[If there is any formality to be completed, or if any objection is raised, the matter must be attended to at this time. When all formalities have been complied with, and objections, if any, settled:]

EXALTED RULER—We have completed our election, and complied with all lawful requirements, and I now surrender this Lodge to your control.

[Installing Officer now advances to and occupies the Exalted Ruler's station.]

INSTALLING OFFICER—Brothers, attention! Be seated. (One tap.) Sentry, I desire a list of your Officers-elect. (Sentry hands Installing Officer the list.) Aide, present me these members for installation.

[The Aide presents officers elect before Installing Officer, arranged in line, out-going Exalted Ruler at the right. Exalted Ruler-elect next, and others in regular order according to rank.]

INSTALLING OFFICER—Attention, brothers. (Three taps.) Officers-elect assume position for obligation. Do you accept the positions to which you have been chosen? [Each answers.]

Is there any objection to proceeding with this service? [Members answer.]

Officers-elect, you will each of you pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me: (Lodge is called up by three taps).

I, —————, elected as —————, do, in the presence of Almighty God, and these witnesses, mindful of and reaffirming my former obligation, solemnly and faithfully promise:

That I will submit to, maintain and uphold the Laws, Rules, Regulations and General Orders of the Supreme Lodge of the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of

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Elks and the By-Laws and Rules of this Lodge, and obey officers of higher rank than myself, in all matters within the scope of their authority.

That I will guard and promote the interests of the Order and this Lodge to the best of my ability, and will not take part in any measure looking to its dissolution and dismemberment.

That I will guard well the Rituals of the Order, and personally see that they are always in their proper place, and that I will not permit other eyes to gaze on them than those who have earned that right whose duty it is to study or memorize them.

That I will, at the end of my term of office, or whenever called upon by proper authority, surrender any property of this Lodge in my possession to the person designated to receive it.

All of this I promise faithfully to fulfil, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable circumstance, pledging thereto my most sacred honor. (One tap to seat the Lodge.)

[Members, except officers-elect, will here be seated.]

INSTALLING OFFICER—Brother ———, by virtue of your service, you have become a Past Exalted Ruler in the Canadian Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. It will be your duty to occupy the station of Past Exalted Ruler during the coming term. Proceed to and occupy that station.

Exalted Ruler, it is your duty to enforce the Laws and Regulations which you have promised to support, and to preside over the deliberations of this Lodge. Upon you devolves a peculiar responsibility, as the



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unity, well-being and growth of any organization depends largely upon the presiding officer; and it may be advanced or retarded to an almost incalculable extent, by the manner in which he performs his duties. At the end of your term of office, let it not be said that you have been unfaithful to this important trust.

[The installing officer here communicates the password in a whisper to the Exalted Ruler-elect.]

INSTALLING OFFICER—You will now be seated at my right.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight and other Officers, you have taken a solemn obligation to perform your several duties. Your experience in Fraternal affairs has marked you as fit recipients of our confidence and esteem. To you the members look as examples. Be especially careful, therefore, that the high standard which they should follow be not lowered in your keeping. With faithful officers, success is certain. With indifference and inattention upon your part failure must inevitably result. Constantly bear this in mind, and act accordingly. You will severally, except the Secretary, assume your positions in the Lodge.

[All here salute, and go to their respective stations.]

Secretary, into your hands we deliver the books, documents, and seal of the Lodge. Your position is one of great responsibility. Be exact in your transactions, and act promptly at all times. See that remittances to the Supreme Lodge are made promptly, and so commend yourself to the members as to deserve their commendation of "Well done, thou good and efficient servant." The office and all its belongings are now in your keeping. Take the seal and assume your station. Exalted Ruler, assume your station.

[The newly-installed Exalted Ruler may here address the Lodge. If time and opportunity will permit, others may also be heard.]

